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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): PARTHASARATHY et al.

Group Art Unit: 1651

Serial No.: 09/841,264

Examiner: David M. Naff

Confirmation No.: 5359

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Docket No.: 56286US003

## BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE PROCESSING METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS THAT INCLUDE SURFACTANTS

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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An itemized return postcard.

A Petition for Extension of Time for \_\_\_ month(s) and a check in the amount of \$\_\_\_ for the required fee.

An Information Disclosure Statement (\_\_\_ pgs); copies of \_\_\_ applications; 1449 forms (\_\_\_ pgs); and copies of \_\_\_ documents cited on the 1449 forms.

A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_, for \_\_\_.

A certified copy of a \_\_\_ application, Serial No. \_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the right of priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

Other: Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 (3 pgs); Exhibit A (42 pgs.); Exhibit B (56 pgs).

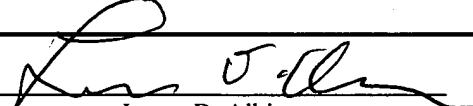
Amendment and Response (11 pgs).

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Independent Claims				x \$86 =	
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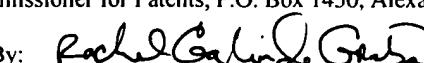
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 11, 2003, please enter and consider the following remarks:

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."